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September 16, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN MEASURE B SPECIAL TAX FUNDS
TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LOS
ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT AND LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to increase Measure B funding to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District and the Los Angeles City Fire Department for expanded trauma air transport services and amend the Memorandum of Understanding Medical Control Agreement with each of the three agencies.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. H-703110 with the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15, to increase the funding by \$256,000 from \$970,000 to \$1,226,000, to maintain the expansion of air search and rescue services capability in the Antelope Valley and the eastern portion of the County.
2. Authorize the Director, or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. H-702098 with the County of Los Angeles Consolidated Fire Protection District (LACoFD), beginning in FY 2014-15, to increase funding by \$192,000 from \$450,000 to \$642,000, which includes a \$35,630 aviation space lease payment, for maintaining a 24/7 paramedic air squad that provides access to trauma care for the East San Gabriel Valley.

3. Authorize the Director, or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. H-704387 with the City of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), beginning in FY 2014-15, to increase funding by \$111,000 from \$327,000 to \$438,000, which includes one-time only funding of \$80,000 and an annual increase of \$31,000, to ensure the safe and efficient capability of trauma air transport services provided by LAFD for the San Fernando Valley and surrounding communities.
4. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to execute future Amendments to adjust the funding for LASD, LACoFD and LAFD, within the \$4,400,000 annual approved Measure B allocation designated for Expanded Trauma Access, subject to review and approval by the Chief Executive Office and notice to the Board.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

There are existing Board approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) Medical Control Agreements with LASD, LACoFD and an Agreement with LAFD that set forth the roles of the parties in delivering Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the population of Los Angeles County as well as the funding mechanism and amounts. In order to accommodate an increase in program costs, the Department of Health Services (DHS) is recommending amendments to the two MOUs and the Agreement.

Approval of the first recommendation will allow the Director to execute an amendment to the MOU Medical Control Agreement, substantially similar to Exhibit I, to increase funding effective for FY 2014-15, for maintaining the expansion of air search and rescues services. The increase will cover the rising program costs for LASD salaries and employee benefits (S&EB), maintenance and fuel, and allow the County to continue providing access to trauma care through air transport services for patients in the Antelope Valley and the eastern portion of the County.

Approval of the second recommendation will allow the Director to execute an amendment to the MOU Medical Control Agreement, substantially similar to Exhibit II, to increase funding to LACoFD, effective for FY 2014-15, to cover the rising program costs for LACoFD S&EB, flight training and space leasing, and allow the County to continue providing access to trauma care through air transport services for patients in the East San Gabriel Valley.

Approval of the third recommendation will allow the Director to execute an amendment to the Medical Control Agreement, substantially similar to Exhibit III, to increase funding to LAFD, effective for FY 2014-15 to cover a one-time safety enhancement cost and an ongoing increase in personnel and software costs, and allow the County to continue

providing funding to LAFD to ensure the safe and efficient capability of its aero transportation system for trauma patients in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding communities.

Approval of the fourth recommendation will delegate authority to the Director to execute amendments to adjust the funding allocations for LASD, LACoFD and LAFD to cover necessary cost adjustment of the air squad services for trauma care access in future years to meet the emerging needs of the County, under the same scope of work approved by the Board, within the approved Measure B allocation of \$4,400,000 annually.

In an effort to establish a trauma center within the San Gabriel Valley, DHS currently has an open Request for Applications (RFA) to determine if there are hospitals in that area that may be interested in obtaining a Level II Trauma Center designation. Responses are due October 1, 2014 and selection will take place thereafter. The readiness of the selected applicant will impact the timeline to achieve designation as a Level II Trauma Center. In the interim, it is DHS' intent to continue to support access to trauma care through air transport services in the eastern portion of the County with funding from the annual approved Measure B allocation designated for Expanded Trauma Access.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goal

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total increase of \$559,000 for the two MOUs and the Agreement in trauma air transport services will be covered by the unallocated funds within the approved Measure B allocation of \$4,400,000 designated for Expanded Trauma Access for FY 2014-15.

Funding is included in Department's FY 2014-15 Board Adopted Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years, as needed.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Measure B, a ballot initiative, was passed by voters on November 6, 2002. Measure B provides funding for Trauma Centers and EMS.

On September 16, 2003, the Board adopted the Measure B Special Revenue Fund Budget for FY 2003-04 which included an annual allocation of \$4,400,000 in Measure B

funding for Expanded Trauma Access. The purpose of this allocation is to establish and expand the infrastructure to trauma services for patients in East San Gabriel Valley, Antelope Valley and Malibu, and improve trauma air transport in the San Fernando Valley. Air transport is sometimes necessary in these areas due to distance, traffic, and weather conditions. The funds are used to cover the LACoFD's helicopter lease costs relating to the expansion of air ambulance services and paramedic air squad for the East San Gabriel Valley; LASDs air search and rescue services for the Antelope Valley and the eastern portion of the County; and ensuring the safety and adequate capability of LAFD's trauma air transport services for the San Fernando Valley and surrounding communities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The California Code of Regulations, Section 100300(b)(4) requires approved air ambulance or rescue aircraft provider agencies to have a written agreement with the local EMS Agency to participate in the EMS Aircraft Program and to comply with all applicable State regulations and local policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will help maintain access to trauma air transport services in Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,


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Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

Agreement No.: H-703110

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
MEDICAL CONTROL AGREEMENT

Amendment No. 1

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2014,

By and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(hereafter "County"),

And

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
(hereafter "Contractor")

Business Address:

4700 Ramona Blvd.
Monterey Park, CA 91754

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Medical Control Agreement," dated January 22, 2008, and further identified as Agreement No. H-703110, and any amendments thereto (all hereafter referred to as "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto to amend the MOU to expand the to increase the annual maximum obligation Agreement amount to One Million Two Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$1,226,000) and to provide for the other changes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2004, the County's Board of Supervisors authorized the County Of Los Angeles Department of Health Services and the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) to enter into an MOU which set out the respective roles of the parties in delivering EMS to the population of the County of Los Angeles and ensure that each party continued to fulfill their respective obligations and recognized that funding for future fiscal years would be allocated based on the need and increased costs of the trauma air transport services provided by LASD, following review and approval by the Chief Executive Office and County Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Contractor warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise and personnel necessary to provide services consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and consistent with the professional standard of care for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Amendment shall commence and be effective upon execution.
2. Agreement shall be amended to add Paragraph 13 as follows:

"13. Amendment:

For any change which affects the scope of work, term, Agreement Sum, payments, or any term or condition included under this Agreement, an Amendment shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by Director or his designee."

3. Additional Provisions No. 3, Paragraph 3, Funding, Section D, is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"3.D Funding: Funding from the Measure B TPA to the Sheriff's Department shall be an ongoing annual allocation. The maximum obligation of Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$968,251), approved for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07, shall be the basis for FY 2007-08 funding and for each FY thereafter. Funding for FY 2007-08 and subsequent FYs shall be a minimum of Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$968,251) annually, and shall include annual increases to such amount to support expansion of helicopter services including reasonable increased cost of salaries for current staffing, maintenance, and fuel, subject to review and approval by the Chief Executive Office (CEO). The annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO, beginning in FY 2014-15, is up to One Million Two Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$1,226,000)."

3. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by the County's Director of Health Services and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director of Health Services

By: _____
John L. Scott
Sheriff

APPROVED AS TO PROGRAM:
Department of Health Services

By: _____
Director, Emergency Medical
Services Agency

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Richard D. Weiss
Acting County Counsel

By _____
Lillian Russell, Deputy County Counsel

Agreement No.: H-702098

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
MEDICAL CONTROL AGREEMENT

Amendment No. 1

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2014,

By and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SERVICES, LOCAL EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY
(hereafter "EMS Agency"),

And

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CONSOLIDATED FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
(hereafter "Contractor")

Business Address:

1320 N. Eastern Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90063

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Medical Control Agreement," dated June 30, 2006, and further identified as Agreement No. H-702098, and any amendments thereto (all hereafter referred to as "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto to amend the MOU to expand the to increase the annual maximum obligation Agreement amount to Six Hundred Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$642,000) and to provide for the other changes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2004, the County's Board of Supervisors authorized the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services and the County of Los Angeles Consolidated Fire Protection District (LACoFD) to enter into an MOU which set out the respective roles of the parties in delivering EMS to the population of the County of Los Angeles and ensure that each party continued to fulfill their respective obligations and recognized that funding for future fiscal years would be allocated based on the need and

increased costs of the trauma air transport services provided by LACoFD, following review and approval by the Chief Executive Office and County Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Contractor warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise and personnel necessary to provide services consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and consistent with the professional standard of care for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Amendment shall commence and be effective upon execution.

2. MOU shall be amended to add Paragraph 13 as follows:

"13. Amendments:

For any change which affects the scope of work, term, funding, payments, or any term or condition included under this MOU, an Amendment shall be prepared by the County and then executed by the Contractor and by Director or his designee."

3. Additional Provisions No. 3, Paragraph 3, Funding, Section D, is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"3.D Funding: Funding from the Measure B TPA to the Fire District shall be:

(1) An annual allocation not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for a period not to exceed ten (10) years beginning with Fiscal Year 2005-06 to expand trauma services by funding a helicopter lease-purchase for staging at a 24-hour/7-day per week level in the Antelope Valley and Eastern portion of the County.

(2) An initial 6-month allocation for the last half of Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$235,500) and an ongoing annual allocation not to exceed Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000). The annual maximum obligation approved by the Chief Executive Office, beginning in FY 2014-15, is up to Six Hundred Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$642,000) to support expansion of helicopter services in the East San Gabriel Valley."

3. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by the County's Director of Health Services and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director of Health Services

By: _____
Daryl L. Osby
Fire Chief

APPROVED AS TO PROGRAM:
Department of Health Services

By: _____
Director, Emergency Medical
Services Agency

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Richard D. Weiss
Acting County Counsel

By _____
Lillian Russell, Deputy County Counsel

Agreement No.: H-704387

MEDICAL CONTROL AGREEMENT

Amendment No. 1

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2014,

By and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(hereafter "County"),

And

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
FIRE DEPARTMENT
(hereafter "Contractor")

Business Address:

200 N. Main St., #1700
Los Angeles, CA 90012

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled "Medical Control Agreement," dated July 1, 2008, and further identified as Agreement No. H-704387, and any amendments thereto (all hereafter referred to as "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto to amend the Agreement to increase the annual maximum obligation Agreement amount to One Million Two Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$1,226,000) and to provide for the other changes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Agreement provides that changes in accordance to Paragraph 17, Severability may be made in the form of an Amendment which is formally approved and executed by the parties; and

WHEREAS, Contractor warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise and personnel necessary to provide services consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and consistent with the professional standard of care for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Amendment shall commence and be effective upon execution.
2. Additional Provisions, Paragraph 3, Funding, Section D, is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"D. Funding from the Measure B TPA to the Los Angeles City Fire Department shall be an ongoing annual allocation.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 maximum obligation approved by the Chief Executive Office (CEO) is up to One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000).

FYs' 2009-10 and 2010-11 annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000).

FY 2011-12 maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000).

FYs' 2012-13 and 2013-14 annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO is up to Three Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$327,000).

The annual maximum obligation approved by the CEO, beginning in FY 2014-15 and any future FYs', is up to Three Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$358,000), with an additional one-time only allocation of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for FY 2014-15 for a total Four Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand (\$438,000)."

3. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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Director of Health Services

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Fire Chief

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